43.3 The LICENSEE shall take necessary steps to ensure that the LICENSEE and any person(s) acting on its behalf observe confidentiality of customer information.

(II) Rule 458 of Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951:

Except with permission of the Telegraph Authority no person shall publish any list of telephone subscribers.

Interest on RD and MIS

2514. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether post offices are paying an interest of 9% on deposits of Senior Citizens quarterly and so the banks also;

(b whether Monthly Income Schemes of Post Offices were paying 9% interest earlier; and

(c) whether Government propose to pay 9% interest to Senior Citizens on RD and MIS too and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The "Senior Citizen Savings Scheme" was introduced in the Post offices from 2nd August 2004. Interest of 9% per annum on the deposits is being paid quarterly to the investors.

(b) Post Office (Monthly Income Account) Scheme has been paying interest as given below:—

(i) 12% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 15th day of August, 1987 but before the 24th day of April, 1992.

(ii) 14% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 24th day of April, 1992 but before the 2nd day of September, 1993.

(iii) 13% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 2nd day of September, 1993 but before the 1st day of January, 1999.

(iv) 12% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of January, 1999 but before the 15th day of January, 2000.

(v) 11% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 15th day of January, 2000 but before the 1st day of March, 2001.

(vi) 9.5% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of March 2001 but before the 1st day of March, 2002.

(vii) 9% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of March, 2002 but before the 1st day of March, 2003.

(viii) 8% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of March, 2003.

(c) The rate of interest for deposits made by all investors of RD and MIS Scheme is presently 7.5% and 8% respectively.

Unsolicited calls

2515. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring a legislation prohibiting cell phone companies and banks from giving out user's personal data to other companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that unsolicited calls are considered to be an invasion of privacy and are dealt with stictly in USA and other countries; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curb unsolicited calls in India?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) to (d) In this regard, a notice has been received from Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by the Department of Telecommunications regarding a petition filed by Dr. Harsh Pathank.

Under the provisions of the 'Licence Agreement for provision of Cellular